GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the ministry use panchayats as the Nodal Agency for the rural development; and

(b) if so, the percentage of the budgetory allocation of the rural development ministry goes directly to the panchayats ?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

(SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA)

(a) Yes, Sir.
(b) Funds under the Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) and the Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY) are released to the Panchayati Raj Institutions through the District Rural Development Agencies/Zila Parishads. In percentage terms, it works out to 38.74 per cent of the total budgetary allocation of the Ministry.